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	<p><b>Agenda Item No.</b> 19</p> <p><b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>11-1363</u></p> <p><b>Communication No.</b> <u>11-520</u></p> <p><b>Submitted by:</b> <b>Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer</b></p>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary right-of-way and easements for the Grand Avenue over Walnut Creek Bridge Replacement Project by gift, negotiation or condemnation.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary right-of-way and easements for the Grand Avenue over Walnut Creek Bridge Replacement Project by gift, negotiation or condemnation. This action is required by Iowa law before the City can initiate right-of-way acquisition process under eminent domain.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: To be determined after the right-of-way design and plats have been completed.

Funding Source: 2011-12 CIP, Grand Avenue Bridge over the Des Moines River, Gaming Monies, BRV047, Page Bridge/Viaduct Improvements – 11.

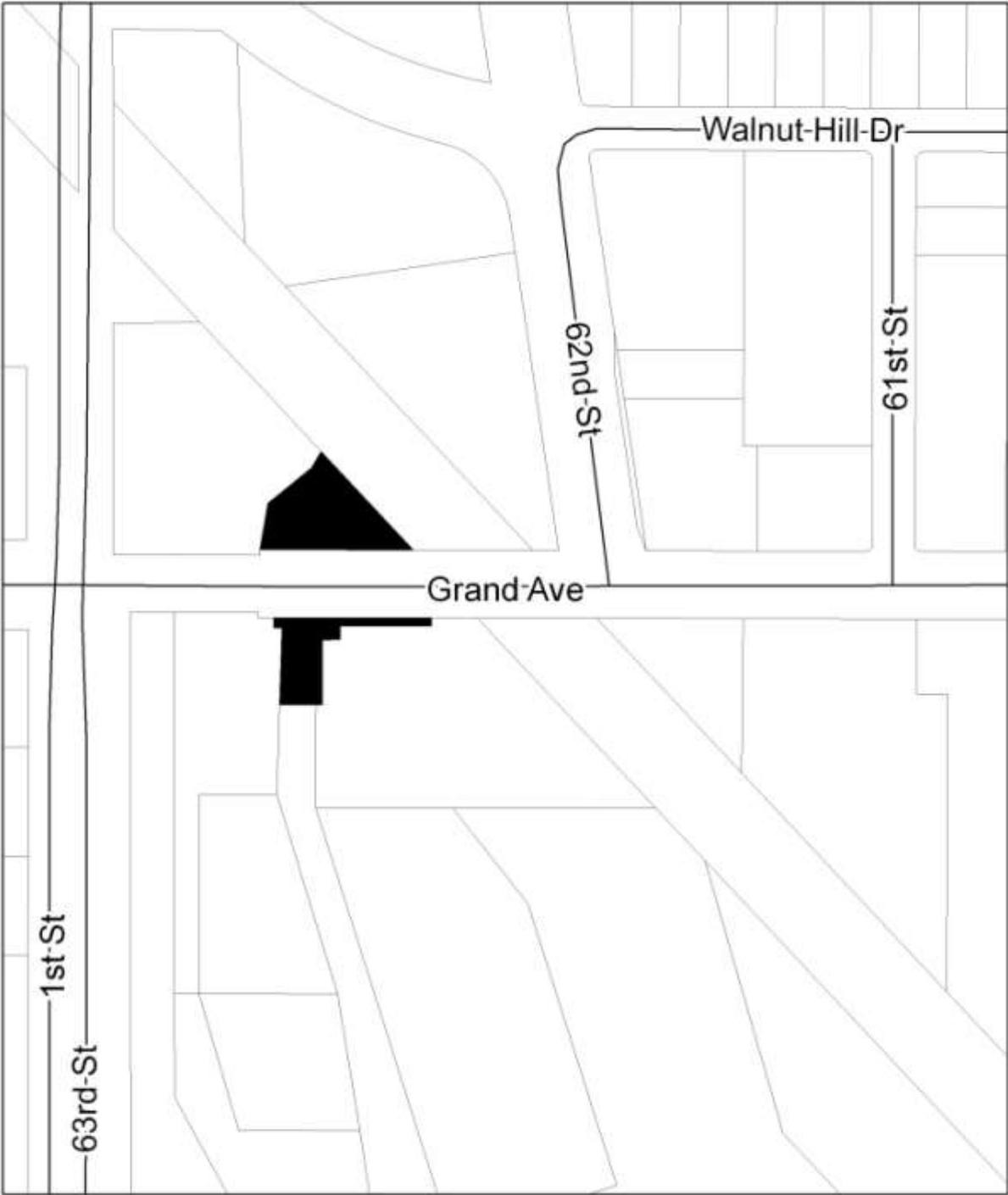
**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Recent bridge inspections have determined that this structure, which was originally constructed in 1914 and last rehabilitated in 1961, is showing signs of deterioration and should be replaced with a new bridge. The structurally deficient bridge will be replaced with a new structure that will improve the hydraulic characteristics of the bridge during flood events. Because this will be a complete replacement of the existing structure, Grand Avenue will be closed during construction. Three neighborhood meetings have been held on the project to-date. A fourth meeting will be held on August 11, 2011. The final configuration will be submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) shortly thereafter.

On March 24, 2008, by Roll Call 08-463, Council approved and authorized the execution of an agreement with the IDOT to provide up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 in Federal Highway Bridge Program Funds for construction costs.

On May 18, 2009, by Roll Call 09-825, Council approved and authorized the Professional Services Agreement between the City and Shuck-Britson, Inc., Tim Monson, President, 2409 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50312, for hourly rates not to exceed \$267,864.

This project includes a partial acquisition, permanent easements and multiple temporary easements, and relocation assistance will not be required for this project.



**LEGEND**

 PROJECT LOCATION

**GRAND AVENUE OVER  
WALNUT CREEK BRIDGE  
REPLACEMENT PROJECT**



**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: July 11, 2011

Roll Call Number: 11-1229

Action: From Council Member Skip Moore to discuss configuration of lanes and sidewalks on Grand Avenue Bridge over Walnut Creek Project. **Moved by Hensley to refer to the City Manager for review and recommendation. Motion Carried 7-0.**

Date: May 18, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-825

Action: [Shuck](#)-Britson, Inc. for evaluation, design and construction phase services for the Grand Avenue over Walnut Creek Bridge Replacement, not to exceed \$267,864. ([Council Communication No. 09-334](#)) **Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Cownie.**

Date: March 24, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-463

Action: [Approving](#) execution of Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Agreement for Grand Avenue over Walnut Creek Bridge Replacement. ([Council Communication No. 08-159](#)) **Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Establish fair market value of property interests to be acquired.

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